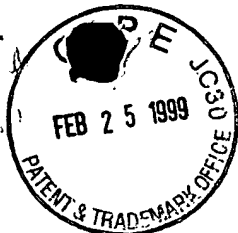


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Prior to examination, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

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On page 1, line 14, after "punch" insert — or blade to open and separate the foam body

On page 2, line 5, delete "like elements are numbered alike in the several FIGURES".

On page 3, line 3, delete "3/32" and substitute therefor — 7/64 —.

On page 4, line 4, delete "reduces" and substitute therefor -- increases --.

REMARKS